


ASSISTANT SECRETARIAL FINDINGS FOR
MINING PLAN APPROVAL

Crandall Canyon Mine
Mining Plan Decision Document
Federal Lease U-54762

1. The Assistant Secretary determines that approval of the mining plan for Federal lease U-54762 complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the terms of the leases, and all other requirements of applicable Federal laws. (See Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Findings, the Bureau of Land Management's letter dated January 27, 1989, and Manti-LaSal National Forest's letter dated May 23, 1989.)
2. The Department has considered the effect of a decision on the mining plan on historic properties in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. (See the State Historic Preservation Officer's letter dated November 28, 1988.)
3. The proposed operation is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitats, as determined under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). (See the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's letter dated April 6, 1989.)


Deputy Assistant Secretary--Land and Minerals Management

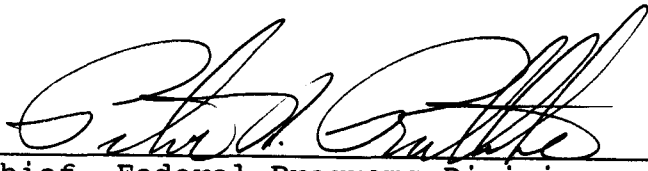
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OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT FINDINGS
AT THE TIME OF MINING PLAN APPROVAL

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After reviewing the description of the proposed area of the mining plan approval, OSMRE determines this area is:

1. Not unsuitable for mining in accordance with section 522(b) pursuant to section 522(a)(2) of SMCRA. (See the Environmental Assessment and Utah's State Decision Document & Technical Analysis.)
2. Not unsuitable for mining in accordance with section 522(b) pursuant to standards set forth in section 522(a)(3) of SMCRA. (See the Bureau of Land Management's letter dated January 27, 1989, Manti-LaSal National Forest's letter dated May 23, 1989, the Environmental Assessment, and Utah's State Decision Document & Technical Analysis.)
3. Located on Federal lands within the boundaries of the Manti-LaSal National Forest. However, based on OSMRE's analysis and on the concurrence of the USDA Forest Service, the surface operations and impacts of the Crandall Canyon mine are incident to an underground coal mine and will not be incompatible with significant recreational, timber, economic, or other values of the Manti-LaSal National Forest. (See Environmental Assessment and the USDA Forest Service's letter dated May 23, 1989.)



Chief, Federal Programs Division
Western Field Operations

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

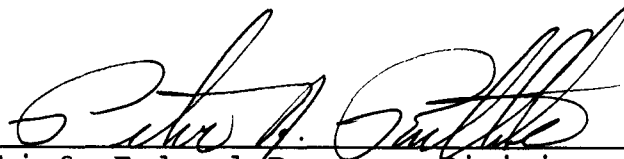
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Genwal Coal Company, Inc. submitted a permit application package (PAP) for a permit revision for the Crandall Canyon mine to the Utah Department of Oil, Gas, & Mining (DOGM) under the Utah State program (30 CFR Part 944). The PAP proposes underground mining operations in a permit revision area of approximately 256 acres.

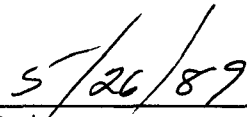
Pursuant to 30 CFR Part 746, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) determined that the proposed operation required approval by the Assistant Secretary--Land and Minerals Management of a mining plan for Federal lease U-54762 under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

Utah DOGM's State Decision Document & Technical Analysis prepared for approval of the PAP pursuant to the Utah State Program and the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated April 1989, prepared by OSMRE identify certain environmental impacts that would result from the proposed action.

Based upon the evaluation of impacts given in the EA, I find that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from the proposed operations. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.



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